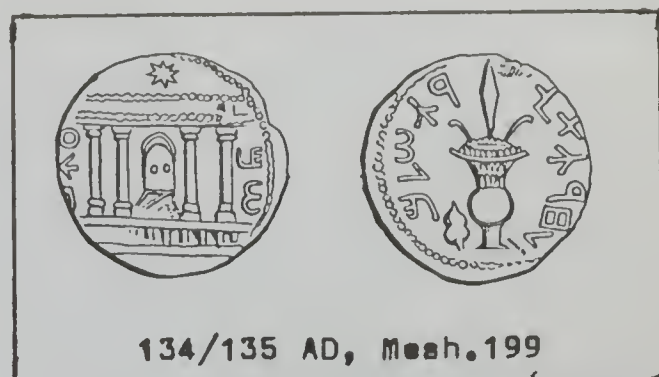
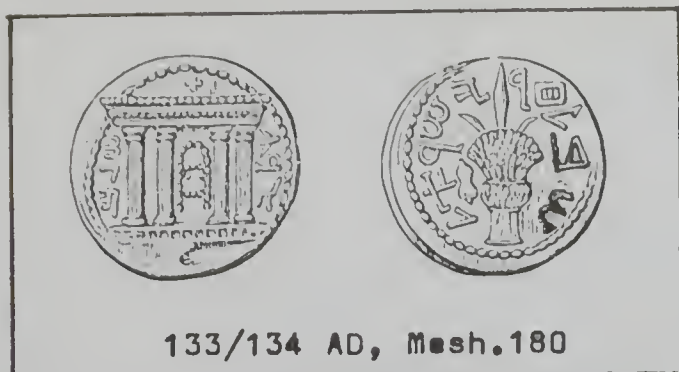


IMPORTANT BULLETIN

THE B.N.S. HAS JUST OBTAINED THREE RARE "TEMPLE" TETRADRACHMS
WHICH WE ARE PLEASED TO OFFER TO YOU ...



Probably no coins of ancient Judaea have more significance than the large silver tetradrachms issued by Simon Bar Kochba, the leader of the Second Revolt against Rome from 132-135 AD. Bar Kochba had been proclaimed the "Messiah" by the great Rabbi Akiva, and it was his goal to rebuild the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem (it had been destroyed by Roman troops in 70 AD). And thus he pictured the Holy of Holies of the Temple on the handsome silver tetradrachms that were issued in each of the three years of the revolt (overstruck on Roman and Greek coins).

As can be seen in the drawings above, in the center of the obverse, the Ark of the Covenant was depicted; within the Ark (in Solomon's time) there were kept the two tablets of the Ten Commandments. Above the "Temple" there is a star, probably referring to Bar Kochba, whose name meant "Son of the Star" in reference to the Biblical Messianic prophesy: "There shall step forth a star out of Jacob" (Num. 24:17). Simon's name, in ancient Hebrew, surrounds the "Temple" on the coins of the third year (134/5 AD); on rare tetradrachms of the second year (133/4 AD) the name "Jerusalem" appears instead.

On the reverse are the agricultural symbols associated with the harvest festival of Succoth - lulav (bunch of branches) and ethrog (citron). A letter from Bar Kochba, discovered in a cave, orders Judah Ben Manasseh to supply him with lulav for his army so that they could celebrate in the midst of major battles! The Hebrew inscription reads "For the Freedom of Jerusalem" or "Second Year of the Freedom of Israel" on coins struck in 134/5 and 133/4 AD, respectively.

We have only three specimens which will be sold on a strict first come-first served basis. So rush your order today if you want one of these important silver "Temple" Tetradrachms at these very low prices. Telephone reservations will be accepted - call Mel Wacks on our toll-free number (800) 421-0754; within California call (213) 272-0851.

One available, Third Year, 134/135 AD, Meshorer no. 199, VERY FINE	\$1500.00
One available, Third Year, 134/135 AD, Meshorer no. 199, VERY FINE - EXTREMELY FINE	\$1850.00
One available, Second Year, 133/134 AD, RARE, Meshorer no. 180 variety with first letter reversed in "Jerusalem", ABOUT EXTREMELY FINE	\$2600.00

EACH "TEMPLE TETRADRACHM" WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE
OF AUTHENTICITY, REGISTERED WITH THE PROFESSIONAL
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